

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Original): Device for receiving elongated objects, in particular, electrical lines and/or fluid lines, comprising

- a bottom wall (2) and
- a receiving element (1) having two bordering walls (3, 4) facing each other,
- and
- a cover element (16) that is mounted on the receiving element (1) so as to be pivoted by means of a border hinge (15) and that can be linked with the receiving element (1) by means of a closure system (23, 24, 25, 26) facing the border hinge (15),

whereby the cover element (16) has at least three cover sections (17, 19, 21) and whereby the closure system (23, 24, 25, 26) allows for a number of closure positions, corresponding to the number of center hinges (18, 20), in which the cover sections (17, 19, 21) are spaced at different distances from the bottom wall (2).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 1, whereby present on the cover sections (17, 19, 21) is an inhibiting system (29) by means of which two adjacent cover sections (17, 19, 21) are ~~inhibited~~ held in a locked position in their movement relative to one another.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 2, whereby the inhibiting system has a number of ribs (29) that are arranged in the cover sections (17, 19, 21), the ribs (29) having faces (30) that point towards one another and that are engageable with one another to hold the cover sections (17, 19, 21) in the locked position and one locked position each, are arranged with their faces (3) that point towards each other lying against each other.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): Device according to claim 1, whereby formed onto the cover section (21) that lies furthest from the border hinge (15), is a side border section (22) that is aligned at an angle, to this cover section (21), on which are configured closure parts (23, 24) of the closure system that interact with closure counterparts (25, 26) of the closure system that are configured on a bordering wall.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 4, whereby the each closure counterparts counterpart (25, 26) are is configured in the front border area and in the bottom-wall side border area of the mentioned bordering wall (3) and includes a first portion (27) facing away from the bordering wall (4) and a second portion (28) facing towards the bordering wall (4).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 2, whereby formed onto the cover section (21) that lies furthest from the border hinge (15), is a side border section (22) that is aligned at an angle, ~~preferably a right angle,~~ to this

cover section (21), on which are configured closure parts (23, 24) of the closure system that interact with closure counterparts (25, 26) of the closure system that are configured on a bordering wall.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 3, whereby formed onto the cover section (21) that lies furthest from the border hinge (15), is a side border section (22) that is aligned at an angle, ~~preferably at a right angle,~~ to this cover section (21), on which are configured closure parts (23, 24) of the closure system that interact with closure counterparts (25, 26) of the closure system that are configured on a bordering wall.

Claim 8 (New): Device according to claim 6, wherein the side border section (22) is aligned at a right angle to the cover section (21).

Claim 9 (New): Device according to claim 7, wherein the side border section (22) is aligned at a right angle to the cover section (21).

Claim 10 (New) Device according to claim 1, wherein the closure system includes a closure part (23) that is engageable with a closure receiver (27) of the closure system (25) to place the cover sections (17, 19, 21) in a first closure position and is engageable with a supporting rib (28) of the closure system (25) to place the cover sections (17, 19, 21) in a second closure position different from the first closure position.

Claim 11 (New): Device according to claim 10, wherein the closure receiver (27) points away from the wall (4) and the support rib (28) faces the wall (4).

Claim 12 (New): Device according to claim 10, wherein the closure part (23) engages a closure receiver (33) and the supporting rib (28) of the closure system (25) to place the cover sections (17, 19, 21) in the second closure position

Claim 13 (New): Device according to claim 1, wherein the cover sections (17, 19, 21) have a first closure position in which only a first pair of the three cover sections (17, 19, 21) is fixed in a single plane, the cover sections (17, 19, 21) having a second closure position in which only a second, different pair of the three cover sections (17, 19, 21) is fixed in a single plane.

Claim 14 (New): Device according to claim 1, wherein the number of closure positions of the cover sections (17, 19, 21) is limited to the number of center hinges.

Claim 15 (New): Device according to claim 1, wherein the bottom wall (2), bordering walls (3, 4), and cover element (16) cooperate to define a cable channel, the cable channel having a different cross-section for each of the locked closure positions.

Claim 16 (New): A device for receiving elongated objects comprising:

a bottom wall from which first and second bordering walls extend;

a cover element pivotably mounted to the first bordering wall, the cover element having a plurality of cover sections and at least one closure part; and

a closure system associated with each of the closure parts, each closure system comprising a first closure receiver positioned at a first location on the second bordering wall and a second closure receiver positioned at a second, different location on the second bordering wall, the closure part being engageable with the first closure receiver to hold the cover sections in a first locked configuration, the closure part being engageable with the second closure receiver to hold the cover sections in a second locked configuration different from the first locked configuration.

Claim 17 (New): The device according to claim 16, wherein the plurality of cover sections comprises three cover sections, wherein only a first pair of the three cover sections is locked in a co-planar configuration when the closure part is engaged with the first closure receiver and only a second, different pair of the three cover sections is locked in a co-planar configuration when the closure part is engaged with the second closure receiver.

Claim 18 (New): The device according to claim 16, wherein the cover element includes a plurality of ribs having faces that point towards one another and that are engageable with one another to hold the cover sections in the locked closure configurations.

Claim 19 (New): The device according to claim 16, wherein the bottom wall, bordering walls, and cover element cooperate to define a cable channel, the cable channel having a different cross-section for each of the locked closure configurations.

Claim 20 (New): A device for receiving elongated objects comprising:
a bottom wall from which first and second bordering walls extend,
a cover element pivotably mounted to the first bordering wall, the cover element having a plurality of cover sections and at least one closure part; and
a closure system positioned on the second bordering wall and associated with each of the closure parts, each of the closure parts being engageable with the associated closure system to place the cover element in any one of a plurality of closure positions, each closure position having different pairs of the plurality of cover sections held in a locked, co-planar position, the cover element including a plurality of ribs having faces that point towards one another and that are engageable with one another to hold the cover sections in the locked closure positions.

Claim 21 (New): Device according to claim 1, wherein the bottom wall, bordering walls, and cover element cooperate to define a cable channel, the cable channel having a different cross-section for each of the locked closure positions.